
Family Summary of Alva Beaman Hammond and Caroline C. (Reyman) Hammond

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Caroline² C. Reyman (Johannes¹ Reumann) was born Caroline Reumann¹ on 5 March 1841² in what was then the German Confederation, most likely in either Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach or Saxony.³ She died 2 September 1918 in Center Township, Clinton County, Iowa, aged 77 years, 5 months, and 28 days,^{4,5} and was buried in Elvira Cemetery in Elvira, Clinton County, Iowa.⁶

On 23 April 1860, she married Alva Beaman Hammond in Clinton County.^{7,8} Alva was born in Ithaca, New York, 26 June 1818, to Miles and Rachel (Yaple) Hammond.^{9,10}

HAMMOND ORIGINS

The Hammond family and other associated families, such as the Yaple, Beers, and Vanriper families, appear to have intermarried and moved from New York to Michigan, mostly settling in Oakland County, Michigan.¹¹ Alva's

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1. Manifest, Brig Clarissa from Bremen, unnumbered page, lines 34-41, for Joh. Reumann family; database with images, *Ancestry*, (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYM237_112-0687 : accessed 17 February 2025) > New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820–1957 > Date > 1852 > May > 07 > Clarissa; citing The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC, USA; *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, New York, 1820–1897*; Microfilm Serial or NAID: M237; RG Title: Records of the U.S. Customs Service; RG: 36.

2. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa* (Chicago: Chapman Brothers, Chicago, 1886), 252-253, Alva B. Hammond entry, microfilm no. 1036331, item 9, Family History Library [FHL], Salt Lake City, Utah; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/166885> : accessed 25 September 2025).

3. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252, says she was born in “Saxony, Germany,” but her father and her older brother John George (born 1835) were both born in Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach according to *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 191, and this suggests a possibility that “Saxony” may be an Americanization of “Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach”. The 1870 U.S. census and 1880 U.S. census list her birthplace as “Saxony”.

4. “Death Records: Iowa. Death Records 1904–1920,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS6Q-33TS-7> : accessed 14 September 2025) > image 6505 of 7756, certificate 23-3788, Caroline Hammond, 2 September 1918; citing Iowa, Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Historical Society of Iowa (Des Moines, Iowa), Death Records_Clinton County, DC-23-1 and DC-23-2_1904-1920, image group no. 102842717.

5. Caroline Hammond obituary, *The Clinton Herald*, 3 September 1918, p. 6, col. 1. *The Community History Archive Of The Clinton Public Library* (<http://clinton.historyarchives.online> : accessed 31 January 2025).

6. *Find a Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85664029/caroline-hammond> : accessed 17 January 2026), “Caroline Reyman Hammond” (1841–1918) memorial created by “Michael Kearney,” with tombstone image by “Michael Kearney”; citing Elvira Cemetery, Elvira, Clinton County, Iowa.

7. “Iowa, County Marriages, 1838–1934,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DHWW-J8?cc=1805551&wc=M6TW-7M9%3A148503501> : accessed 24 November 2025 at FHL affiliate) > DSG 004309881 > image 177 of 518, Alva B. Hammond - Caroline Raymond [sic] marriage, 23 April 1860; citing Clinton County Marriage Record, vol. 1, 1840–1872, p. 98, no. 1268.

8. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

9. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

10. *Find a Grave*, database with images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85664017/alva_beaman-hammond : accessed 17 January 2026), “Alva Beaman Hammond” (1818–1902) memorial created by “Michael Kearney,” with tombstone image by “Michael Kearney”; citing Elvira Cemetery, Elvira, Clinton County, Iowa.

11. This migration/intermarriage pattern is inferred from multiple linked families’ census localities and documented associations; full proof argument outside the scope of this summary.

family moved from Tompkins County, New York to Oakland County, Michigan around 1832.^{12,13} He came to Clinton County in 1850, around the same time other family and long-time associates moved from Oakland County, Michigan. He and his family initially settled in Lyons, Iowa.^{14,15}

In 1851, Alva purchased 80 acres from the federal government for \$100, receiving a land patent on 1 April 1851.¹⁶ An 1886 biographical sketch claimed his purchase was the first land ever bought in Center Township, although it erroneously stated it had been purchased in the fall of 1850.¹⁷ The 1851 Iowa state census enumerated him immediately next to his mother, his brother Asa, and his brother Elbert's family, and although that census doesn't indicate households, their proximity suggests that they were living together.¹⁸

By May 1852, he held at least one additional 80-acre parcel and sold it to Seth A. Beers, of the affiliated Beers family, for \$100.¹⁹ Seth's aunt was married to Alva's uncle.²⁰

Alva eventually moved onto his new land to farm,²¹ and it later came to be part of Center Township, organized in March 1852. Center was originally "fairly timbered," providing fuel and fencing for the area settlers, who were largely of American, English, German, and Irish descent.²²

In March 1853, Alva acquired another 40-acre parcel from his brother Elbert Hammond and his wife for \$200.²³ By 1856, he owned at least 200 acres—130 of it unimproved land—and was harvesting wheat, corn, and potatoes, as well as raising hogs and producing cheese. His mother lived with him, and a 21-year-old Peter Vanriper,

12. Western Historical Co., *The history of Clinton County, Iowa, containing a history of the county, its cities, towns &c., biographical sketches of citizens* (Chicago, Illinois: Western historical company, 1879); imaged, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/details/historyofclinton00west> : accessed 24 September 2025), 777.

13. 1840 U.S. Census, Oakland County, Michigan, Orion, Benjamin Irish division, p. 160? (unwritten), no. 47, line 19, A.B. Hamond; imaged, "1840 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/records/2240955> : accessed 19 September 2025).

14. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

15. 1850 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, population schedule, Lyons, page 393 (inked), page 197 (stamped), dwelling 212, family 219, Hammond household; imaged, "Clinton. Census 150," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-D489-365> : accessed 19 September 2025).

16. Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database with images, *General Land Office Records* (https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=IA2360__454&docClass=STA&sid=xuuybm3.35b : accessed 14 September 2025), patent image, Alvah B. Hammond, patent no. 3400 (1851), accession Nr. IA2360__454.

17. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

18. 1851 Iowa state census, Clinton County, Iowa; imaged, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1084/images/IA_118-0025 : accessed 19 September 2025) > 1851 > Clinton > Not Stated > image 2 of 23; citing Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836–1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

19. Clinton County, Iowa, Deed Record vol. C: 580-1, Alvah B. Hammond to Seth A. Beers, deed, 17 May 1852; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 24 November 2025 at FHL affiliate) > DSG 8533266, image 882; citing Clinton County [Iowa] Recorder.

20. Seth's father Stephen N. Beers' sister, Charity Beers, married Alva's mother Rachel Yaple's brother, Peter Yaple. Properly sourcing that relationship is beyond the scope of this summary.

21. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

22. Western Historical Co., *The history of Clinton County, Iowa, containing a history of the county, its cities, towns &c., biographical sketches of citizens*, 639-641.

23. Clinton County, Iowa, Deed Record vol. E, 1853–1854: 24, Elbert Hammond and Mary Diana Hammond to Alvah B. Hammond deed, 10 March 1853; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 24 November 2025 at FHL affiliate) > DSG 8533267 > image 344 of 655; citing Clinton County [Iowa] Recorder.

very likely the grandson of Alva's uncle, Peter Yaple, was also living there, likely as a farmhand.^{24,25}

REYMAN ORIGINS

On 7 May 1852, the Reumann family arrived in New York on the Brig Clarissa from the port of Bremen in Germany. The family was listed as Joh. Reumann (42), Anna Doroth (38), Joh. George (14), Anna Lowine (10), Caroline (4), Maria (5) and Elise (2).²⁶ Their destination was Wisconsin, and they arrived in Milwaukee on 14 May 1852.²⁷

The family stayed in Milwaukee for two years,²⁸ with Caroline's older sister Anna marrying there on 17 April 1853.²⁹ They subsequently moved to Dixon, Illinois, for about a year before moving on to Clinton County, Iowa in 1855, probably in September.³⁰

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

The Reyman family, as they became known,³¹ encountered the Hammond family soon after they moved to Clinton County in 1855.³² The Reymans were not yet landowners in 1860 when, shortly after she turned 19, Caroline married Alva, who at 42 was more than twice her age.³³ By this time Alva had real estate valued at \$5,000 and a personal estate of \$1,000,³⁴ and it may have seemed to her family that Caroline was marrying into greater economic security. Her father, John Reyman, eight years after immigrating to the U.S., was still a tenant farmer with a personal estate valued at \$500.³⁵

The new Hammond family grew quickly, welcoming two sons in three years, but in 1865 their third son tragically died when less than two weeks old.³⁶

By 1870, their household included two sons, Charles and Rodney, ages nine and seven, Alva's mother Rachel

24. 1856 Iowa state census, Clinton County, population schedule, Center township, page 199 (stamped), dwelling 13, family 13, for Rachael Hammond; imaged in "Iowa, U.S., State Census Collection, 1836–1925," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1084/records/9321913> : accessed 2 September 2025) > 1856 > Clinton > Center, image 2 of 20; citing Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836–1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

25. The conclusion that Peter was the grandson of Alva's uncle, Peter Yaple, is supported by indirect evidence across multiple records; a full proof argument is outside the scope of this summary.

26. Manifest, Brig Clarissa from Bremen.

27. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 191, 252.

28. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 191, 252.

29. Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, "Registration of [Marriage] no. 01991, 2 January 1854," Freidrich Rockrohr—Sabina Reumann, 17 April 1853; imaged, "Wisconsin, U.S. Marriage Records, 1820–2004," *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61484/images/45638_00103-01991 : accessed 25 October 2025) > Pre-1907 > Milwaukee [sic], Vol 02a-03a, Certificates 1-3000 > image 1,990 of 3,001; citing Wisconsin Historical Society; Madison, WI, USA; Wisconsin Marriage Records Pre-1907.

30. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 191, 252.

31. 1856 Iowa census, Clinton County, population schedule, Elk River township, p. 23 (penned), p. 444-5 (stamped), dwelling 35, family 35, John Reyman; imaged at *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1084/records/9325713> : accessed 9 March 2025); from Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836–1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

32. "U.S., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1812–1815," database with images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/file/313795708> : accessed 14 September 2025), file for Miles Hammond, page 51; citing War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, compiled ca. 1871 - ca. 1900, documenting the period 1812 - ca. 1900. In this bounty land application, J. G. Reyman signs an affidavit as to his "acquaintance of nineteen years" with Rachel Hammond, Alva's widowed mother.

33. "Iowa, County Marriages, 1838–1934," Alva B. Hammond - Caroline Raymond [sic] marriage.

34. 1860 U.S. census, Clinton, Iowa, population schedule, Center Township, Elvira post office, page 21 (penned), dwelling 141, family 141, line 34, A.B. Hammond family; imaged, "1860 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/records/5386589> : accessed 4 September 2025).

35. 1860 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, population schedule, Elk River township, page 27, dwelling 204, family 193, line 36, John Reymon family; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9B9F-3F21> : accessed 23 September 2025).

36. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252.

(Yaple) Hammond, and Newton Vanriper, age 30,³⁷ very likely the brother of Peter Vanriper.³⁸ In 1876, Newton, along with John G. Reyman (Caroline's brother), signed an affidavit for Rachel Hammond in a military pension claim stating that they had known Rachel for 19 years, nearly dating to the Reymans' arrival in Clinton County in 1855.³⁹ Newton had likely known Rachel even earlier, back in Michigan.

In 1877, Alva acquired 30 more acres from his neighbor, W. W. Beatty, and annexed the land to his original patented parcel.⁴⁰ Beatty, along with Newton Vanriper, would also sign a document as a witness for Rachel Hammond's pension claim.⁴¹

Rachel's claim was for a pension for her husband's service in the War of 1812. Under the Act of February 14, 1871,⁴² her claim—filed in November 1875—was denied in June 1876 because the act required marriage before the 18 February 1815 treaty of peace, and they were not married until 15 December 1815.⁴³ After the Act of March 9, 1878, liberalized the eligibility rules to include those married after the war,⁴⁴ Rachel reapplied and her application was approved in June 1878. She ultimately received a pension of eight dollars per month, and as she was now also considered an eligible widow, she was awarded a land warrant of 160 acres based on the Bounty-Land Act of March 3, 1855.⁴⁵ The land warrant was ultimately redeemed by someone else in California, indicating that she almost certainly sold the warrant.⁴⁶

In 1879, the Western Historical Company published a history of Clinton County with biographical sketches of citizens that included a brief profile of A. B. Hammond—he almost certainly paid for this inclusion, as was the style at the time. The profile indicated that he had been both School Director and Road Supervisor, and that he was a Democrat. It also boasted that he had \$300 when he came to Clinton County and had increased “by economy and hard work to from \$15,000 to \$20,000.”⁴⁷

The 1880 census is the last time that the Hammonds were enumerated together as a complete family.⁴⁸ The boys were 16 and 19, working on the farm. Caroline, age 39, was surely busy caring for Alva's mother, Rachel

37. 1870 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, population schedule, Camanche post office, Center Township, p. 5 (penned), dwelling 30, family 32, Alva Hammond; imaged, “1870 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163/records/41357560> : accessed 3 September 2025).

38. The conclusion that Newton Vanriper is Peter Vanriper's brother is supported by indirect evidence across multiple records; a full proof argument is outside the scope of this summary.

39. “U.S., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1812–1815,” file for Miles Hammond, page 51.

40. Clinton County, Iowa, Deed Record vol. 26, 1876–1877: 406, W. W. Beatty and E. H. Beatty to A. B. Hammond, deed, 28 February 1877; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 24 November 2025 at FHL affiliate) > DSG 8116902 > image 210 of 670; citing Clinton County [Iowa] Recorder.

41. “U.S., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1812–1815,” file for Miles Hammond, page 45: “Application for the Reopening of a Service Pension Claim under the Act of March 9, 1878.”

42. United States. *An Act Granting Pensions to the Survivors of the War of 1812, and the Widows of such Survivors*. 14 February 1871. U.S. Statutes at Large, vol. 16 (1871): 411–12.

43. “U.S., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1812–1815,” file for Miles Hammond, page 11: “Brief of Claim for a Widow's Pension.”

44. United States. *An Act to Grant Pensions to Soldiers and Sailors of the War of 1812, and to Widows of such Soldiers and Sailors*. 9 March 1878. U.S. Statutes at Large, vol. 20 (1878): 27–28.

45. United States. *An Act in Addition to Certain Acts Granting Bounty Land to Certain Officers and Soldiers Who Have Been Engaged in the Military Service of the United States*. 3 March 1855. U.S. Statutes at Large, vol. 10 (1855): 701–02.

46. Bureau of Land Management, “Land Patent Search,” database with images, *General Land Office Records* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/details/patent/default.aspx?accession=0566-213&docClass=MW&sid=jb0xtwvq.rfu> : accessed 14 September 2025), patent image, Luis Gutierrez, Rachel Hammand [sic], and Miles Hammand [sic], patent no. 114105 (1877), Accession Nr. MW-0566-213.

47. Western Historical Co., *The history of Clinton County, Iowa, containing a history of the county, its cities, towns &c., biographical sketches of citizens*, 777.

48. 1880 U.S. census, Center Township, Clinton, Iowa, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 292, page 15 (penned), dwelling 113, family 125, Alva Hammond; imaged, “United States, Census, 1880,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YBM-9Z4C> : accessed 2 September 2025).

Hammond, who was 81 with physical infirmities that kept her confined to the home in her final years.⁴⁹ She passed away 30 September 1881.⁵⁰

On 8 July 1885, a severe windstorm blew through parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, doing a great deal of damage throughout Clinton County over the course of an hour. Many trees were uprooted, fences broken, and buildings and other property damaged. The newspaper mentioned A. B. Hammond's farm as one where windmills had been "felled to the ground."⁵¹

By this time his son Charles had struck out on his own, marrying Seth Beers' daughter Luella in Ida County, western Iowa, in April 1885.⁵²

LATER YEARS

Alva and Rachel featured in another more extensive biographical sketch in 1886, in *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*.⁵³ In addition to the wealth of genealogical information in his entry, the volume also featured entries for Caroline's brother John G. Reyman⁵⁴ and her nephew Charles Rockrohr.⁵⁵ Caroline is noted as being a "gentle and pious" Lutheran, while Alva is unaffiliated with any church, despite his parents' membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also credited with having "contributed largely" to the building of the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Catholic churches, and is again noted as being affiliated with the Democratic party.⁵⁶

The newspaper noted in October 1890 that Charles Hammond and his family, now living in Battle Creek, Iowa, with two young sons, were visiting Alva's household.⁵⁷ Alva was 72 years old and almost certainly had hired hands doing most of the farm work—the 1895 Iowa census enumerated Thomas Martinson, a 24-year-old Clinton-born laborer, living in their household.⁵⁸

Alva also appeared in an unusual newspaper article featuring a reporter touring the county on a bicycle and chatting with a number of farmers.⁵⁹ With the advent of air-filled tires, coaster brakes, and mass production, bicycles had recently evolved from the unstable and dangerous penny-farthing into their modern incarnation, which

49. "U.S., War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1812–1815," file for Miles Hammond, page 43: "Window's Brief," Incidental Matter; The brief, admitted in 1879, includes testimony from Dr. A.B. Ireland that she is unable to appear before a court due to "physical infirmities and old age."

50. *Find a Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/85664050/rachel-hammond> : accessed 28 November 2025), "Rachel Yapple Hammond" (1798 - 1881) memorial created by "Michael Kearney," with gravestone image by "Michael Kearney"; citing Elvira Cemetery, Elvira, Clinton County, Iowa.

51. "A Living Gale," *The Lyons [Iowa] Weekly Mirror*, 11 July 1885, p. 5, col. 4; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=lyons_weekly_mirror_usa_iowa_clinton_18850711_english_5&df=1&dt=7&cid=2694 : accessed 7 September 2025).

52. Iowa Marriage Records, Volume 328 (Hamilton - Kossuth), Chas R. Hammond - Luella E. Beers, 7 April 1885; imaged, "Iowa, U.S. Marriage Records, 1880-1949," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8823/records/3509480> : accessed 2 September 2025) > 1885 > 328 (Hamilton - Kossuth), image 67 of 189, stamped no. 47-524; citing Iowa Department of Public Health; Des Moines, Iowa; Iowa Marriage Records, 1880–1922.

53. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

54. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 191.

55. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 318.

56. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

57. "Town Talk," *The Clinton [Iowa] Daily Herald*, 6 October 1890, p. 3, col. 5; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_daily_herald_usa_iowa_clinton_18901006_english_3&df=1&dt=7&cid=2694 : accessed 7 September 2025). The item states they are visiting from Battle Creek, Michigan, but this is almost certainly an error, as Battle Creek, Iowa, was where Charles Hammond and family lived at the time. There is no indication that he ever lived in Michigan.

58. 1895 Iowa census, Clinton County, population schedule, Centre township, p. 17 (penned), dwelling 76, family 76, Alva B. Hammond household; imaged in "Clinton, Iowa, United States records," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33HY-66RQ-SP3> : accessed 5 September 2025), image 802 of 1626; citing State Historical Society of Iowa (Des Moines, Iowa).

59. "Northwest," *The Clinton [Iowa] Morning Age*, 4 September 1895, p. 4, col. 4; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=clinton_morning_age_usa_iowa_clinton_18950904_english_4&df=1&dt=7&cid=2694 : accessed 7 September 2025).

was becoming globally popular.⁶⁰ In the article, “A. B. Hammond” was noted as having “48 hogs and a number of chickens” with his “oats [averaging] 30 bushels to the acre.”

In 1895, Newton Vanriper, who lived with them in 1870, was now living in eastern Iowa with Alva’s son Charles.⁶¹ Newton was reported to be visiting the Hammonds in Clinton County for several weeks in 1898.⁶²

The 1900 census indicated Alva’s occupation as a “capitalist farm,”⁶³ indicating ownership and income from his capital investment in farming, rather than personal labor.⁶⁴ This reinforces the conclusion that Alva no longer had a hands-on role in farming at age 81. The census also states that Alva’s father was born in Vermont and his mother in New York.⁶⁵

Alva’s death notice in the paper was brief and did not give many details of his life and family, but it did note that he “for many years made his home in this county, and was well known in this vicinity,” and that his death was after “an illness due to the infirmities of old age.”⁶⁶

When Alva died in 1902, Caroline was widowed at 61. She was enumerated in the 1905 Iowa state census.⁶⁷ She was the sole member of her household in the 1910 census, listed as having no occupation and on her “own account,” suggesting that at age 69 she was living off the estate that Alva left behind.⁶⁸

Around 1913 she made her home with Helena Hammond, the widow of her son Earl Willis, who passed away in late 1912.⁶⁹ In March 1918, the newspaper noted that she sold the Hammond farm to Helena for \$1,600.⁷⁰ Five months later she was reported as being “seriously ill” at the house of “her granddaughter, Mrs. Arthur [Charlotte]

60. Jody Rosen, *Two Wheels Good* (New York: Crown, 2022).

61. 1895 Iowa state census, Woodbury County, population schedule, Morgan township, page 10 (penned), page 501 (stamped), dwelling 64, family 64, for Charles Hammond household; imaged, “Iowa, U.S., State Census Collection, 1836-1925,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1084/records/5122642> : accessed 2 September 2025) > 1895 > Woodbury > Morgan > image 10 of 24; citing Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

62. “Lyons,” *The Clinton [Iowa] Herald*, 15 February 1898, p. 7, col. 2; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=clinton_herald_usa_iowa_clinton_18980215_english_7&df=1&dt=7&cid=2694 : accessed 7 September 2025).

63. 1900 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, population schedule, Center township, enumeration district (ED) 5, sheet 2-A, Alva B. Hammond household; imaged, “1900 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602/records/14200705> : accessed 5 September 2025).

64. U.S. Department of the Interior, Census Office, “Twelfth Census of the United States: Instructions to Enumerators,” paragraph 163, p. 33, imaged, *United States Census Bureau* (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/1900/1900-instructions.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com : accessed 4 January 2026) states “Report a person who receives his income, or most of it, from money loaned at interest, or from stocks, bonds, or other securities, as a ‘capitalist.’”

65. 1900 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, pop. sch., Center twp., ED 5, sheet 2-A, Alva B. Hammond household.

66. Alva Hammond obituary, *The Clinton [Iowa] Herald*, 27 June 1902, p. 6, col. 2; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_herald_usa_iowa_clinton_19020627_english_6&df=1&dt=9&cid=2694 : accessed 4 September 2025).

67. 1905 Iowa state census, Clinton County, population schedule, Hampshire township, card no. 528, Caroline Hammond; imaged in “Iowa. Census 1905,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89ZV-ZBX9> : accessed 5 September 2025) > image 4,056 of 4,522; citing Iowa State Historical Department Library (Des Moines, Iowa); Image Group Number: 007486199.

68. 1910 U.S. census, Clinton County, Iowa, Hampshire township, enumeration district (ED) 26, p. 133, sheet 5-A, dwelling 70, family 70, Caroline Hammond; imaged, “1910 population census schedules - Iowa: Iowa. National Population Census 1910,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ML1N-4F2> : accessed 6 September 2025).

69. Caroline Hammond obituary, *The Clinton Herald*, 3 September 1918, p. 6, col. 1.

70. “Real Estate Transfers,” *The Clinton [Iowa] Advertiser*, 29 March 1918, p. 9, col. 7; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_advertiser_usa_iowa_clinton_19180329_english_9&df=1&dt=2&cid=2694 : accessed 5 September 2025).

Ketelsen,”⁷¹ and less than two weeks later her cause of death was revealed as a “stroke of paralysis”⁷² which occurred while visiting the Ketelsen home.⁷³ Her funeral was also held in the Ketelsen home.^{74,75}

CHILDREN:

- i. Charles³ Rodney Hammond, born 24 March 1861 in Lyons, Iowa;⁷⁶ died 2 November 1945,⁷⁷ likely in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he is buried.⁷⁸
- ii. Earl Willis Hammond, born 3 August 1863;^{79,80} died 15 October 1912 in Hampshire Township, Clinton, Iowa.^{81,82}
- iii. George Hammond, born 23 August 1865; died 3 September 1865.⁸³

71. “Seriously Ill,” *The Clinton [Iowa] Herald*, 20 August 1918, p. 6, col. 3; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_herald_usa_iowa_clinton_19180820_english_6&df=1&dt=6&cid=2694 : accessed 5 September 2025).

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75. “Funeral of Mrs. Hammond,” *The Clinton [Iowa] Advertiser*, 6 September 1918, p. 6, col. 3; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_advertiser_usa_iowa_clinton_19180906_english_6&df=1&dt=6&cid=2694 : accessed 5 September 2025).

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78. *Find a Grave*, imaged gravestone for “Charles Rodney Hammond” (1861–1945).

79. “Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951,” database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS6Q-331P-C> : accessed 17 January 2026) > image 3,699 of 7,756, certificate no. 23-00885, E. W. Hammond, 13 October 1912; Iowa, Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics; State Historical Society of Iowa (Des Moines, Iowa).

80. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.

81. “Iowa, Death Records, 1904-1951,” image, certificate no. 23-00885, E. W. Hammond, 13 October 1912.

82. “Farmer Found Unconscious,” *The Clinton [Iowa] Herald*, 15 October 1912, p. 8, col. 1; imaged, *Digital Archives of the Clinton Public Library* (https://clinton.historyarchives.online/viewer?i=f&ord=k1&fn=the_clinton_herald_usa_iowa_clinton_19121015_english_8&df=1&dt=10&cid=2694 : accessed 2 September 2025).

83. *Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton County, Iowa*, 252-3.